



Steven Eric Watts

August 20, 1957 - January 5, 2025

I was born Aug. 20th, 1957, in Phoenix, AZ. My parents were George and Sarah, and I was their only child. My father was in the Air Force, so we moved quite a few times during my growing up years. During college years, I began to feel empty like my life was not useful. I kept wondering how I could help others. The thought came, "The reason your life is empty is because you have only thought of yourself". I thought, "Jesus laid down his life for others". Those were very searching times.

My folks moved to Bend when Dad retired from the Air Force, and I felt moved to stay there for a while. I worked in a restaurant and those owners were going to open a restaurant in La Grande, so they offered me a job there. I needed a place though to live in La Grande and a lady I worked with told me of a community building that needed a caretaker. The position also had a room there that was offered that I could use as an apartment. Two ministers, Laura Faulkner and Ruth Stephens were using that building for Gospel Meetings. I felt like those people might be the ones I had been looking for. I listened from the kitchen area so I could hear the services, and each one found me getting closer and closer within the room. I made my choice to serve God and His Son shortly after that.

I completed my degree at Eastern Oregon University, in Physical Education and Health. After that, I attended OSU and received my Masters in the same two subjects. I substitute taught until I started in the ministry.

I thought of the ministry almost immediately after making my choice to serve

God, but it took a while to get it settled. I started in the ministry in Oregon on July 19, 1986. I went to Montana in 1995 to labor in the ministry and returned to Oregon in 2002. I was active in the ministry until health issues made it necessary to settle in one place, so I returned home to my folk's home in Bend and am glad I had the last three to four years with them before their passing. I went into Brookdale Memory Care in Bend for care with my Parkinson's disease in September 2022.

Tribute Wall

ET

“ So sorry to learn of Steve’s passing, & within days of Joe’s & Jim Girton’s. I remember stopping by Paul & Loretta Soderburg’s place in WY to visit Steve. The wind was blowing steadily about 70mph & he said he enjoyed a nice walk down the canyon out of the wind! He knew where to find respite!

I also remember him leaving our area in MT, giving us book marks with a saying we’d heard from Jim Girton at the Bozeman sp mtg that “You know you’ve forgiven someone when you Want to have fellowship with them.” I loved Steve’s gentle, quiet spirit.

Elaine A Tipton - February 02, 2025 at 02:18 PM

CU

“ We knew Steve from his days in southern Idaho. He gladly entered into our lives, including the children, though I don’t think he had a lot of experience with children. But his love for souls included them, and we were always grateful for his interest and gentleness with everyone. *Cindy and Eddie Ulshafer*

Cindy Ulshafer - January 26, 2025 at 06:50 PM

TN

“ I fondly remember Steve’s first days in the Work of God as a new minister. He would read from God’s Word pointing to it and say, “It says so. Right here it says so.” I remember a faithful loving Servant and will cherish that memory for the rest of my own days.

In Loving Memory, Teri Naylor

Teri Naylor - January 24, 2025 at 03:57 PM

MH

“ 1 file added to the album Happy Times



Marcia & Larry Hebert - January 23, 2025 at 07:11 PM

MA

Steven, Willa, George Watts

Marcia - January 24, 2025 at 12:12 AM

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We sure enjoyed your visit with us.

Marcia - January 24, 2025 at 12:13 AM

PM

“ I always appreciated Steve's quiet effective ways. He had such a big heart for the ministry. Glad for his release from natural disease and entry into the blessings of God's love.

Pamella Miller - January 21, 2025 at 03:58 PM

DW

“ Special memories of Steve and Joe Klucwich being with Lloyd Wilson back in the '90's and having very special gospel meetings in our home in Jay Em , WY.
Joe's funeral will be on February 1st.
Special fellows for sure! Dave Wisseman

Dave Wisseman - January 20, 2025 at 09:40 PM

JP

“ Always appreciated 'ol Steve. Glad he has made it safely home!

Jamaal Presley - January 19, 2025 at 12:40 AM